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POLITICO-PERSONAL

So badly mixed has the political situation become in the preliminary struggle to decide upon a definite plan of action on the part of the different factions of the different parties, and those who are particularly in favor of non-partisan selections that it has pretty nearly resolved itself into a question of whether the deep thinking business men of the community want those who want the jobs or whether they prefer only the men who will represent strong business interests here with the strict elimination of professional And it would seem that with one politicians. or two exceptions in which the candidates cannot be classed as professional job hunters, that the plan that will serve the best interests of all is to elect big business men, if they can be induced to run. Time and again we have reiterated that we are of the opinion that the majority of the citizens do not realize the importance of the election; that it is really a big turning point in the affairs of this city, and that if men are wisely chosen and elected, it will mean more than anything that has happened to Salt Lake for a long time.

On the other hand if ringsters and tricksters, not to say downright crooks, are placed in the important positions of commissioners, it will not be long until the city is thoroughly gutted, for there would be such a carnival of graft that Boss Tweed, hearing the echoes, would turn over an lover again in his grave and the envious moans from Abe Ruef's cell would re-echo with cease-less rumblings.

The commissioners have so much power that even one in asking that his back be scratched in return for a similar favor could graft to the lim't were he so disposed, and if three knaves of an lik were elected at the same time, there would hardly be any limit to the extent of their depredations.

At the present writing the candidates for mayor are W. S. Bransford and J. E. Darmer, the statement of W. W. Armstrong in regard to his position in reference to the possibility of the mayorality nomination and his friendship for Mayor Bransford eliminating him from the present contest. As between John S Bransford and J. E. Darmer, it is absurd to think that the latter would be considered for a moment by the big men of any party. Of course he has his friends, every one has; but to have him or them imagine that he would have a chance in the world of defeating Bransford is absurd, and there are a great many who are of the belief that the movement started by Mr. Darmer and his cohorts in his behalf is not a sincere one in the belief that they will elect him, but rather under a spirit of mistaken ego in imagining that they can divert enough American votes to defeat him. If such is the case, and it looks very much as if there were something in it, it is a beautiful spectacle, is it not, to see the disgruntled and petty members of a party which has made them all they could ever be politically, assuming the roles o' salvationists in turning against their own? Unquestionably there are a number of good and sincere men who have aligned themselves with the movement for Darmer under a mistaken Hva either of what can be accomplished in that way or by a misapprehension in regard to political events that have occurred.

But it is expected and sincerely hoped that everyone in the American party will come to their senses within the next fortnight, though it must be confessed that the members of all parties can be readily excused for being at sea during the preliminary sparring before the

At the present writing there is a call for a non-partisan meeting at the Commercial club to be held on Thursday night, September 21st, those

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